

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 432
By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Albert B. and Virginia Doran McCall on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 1955, Albert Burr McCall, Sr. and Virginia Doran were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. McCall have been highly respected citizens of their community for almost 50 years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Albert McCall, Sr. was born in 1929 in Carthage, Tennessee, and graduated from Tennessee Technological University in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture; he earned a Master's degree in Animal Nutrition from the University of Missouri in 1951 and taught agriculture at Winterset High School in Winterset, Iowa for a year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McCall served as a Second Lieutenant and forward observer in Korea from 1952-54; wounded in combat, he was discharged with the rank of First Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, following his release from military service, he returned to Iowa and taught World War II veterans agriculture at Boone High School; he then pursued his PhD at Iowa State University while holding down five jobs; and

WHEREAS, Albert met 18-year-old Virginia Doran, a student at William Woods College in Fulton, Missouri on an academic scholarship; nine months later they were married and spent their honeymoon summer touring 17 countries in Europe; and

WHEREAS, the young couple moved back to Albert's hometown of Carthage, where he took over his father's small plumbing and appliance business and dramatically transformed it; D.T. McCall and Sons is now the 49th largest furniture and appliance store in the United States and number one in profit per dollars worth of sales according to *Home Furnishings Daily*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McCall has served with great acumen and ability as the owner of D.T. McCall & Sons and has earned the respect of his peers and customers alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Virginia McCall attended Tennessee Technological University and had the highest grades in the Home Economics and Agriculture Department in her senior year; she graduated in 1958 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics; and

WHEREAS, the McCalls are active members of First Baptist Church in Carthage and enjoy traveling; Albert, an advocate for personal responsibility and achieving individual potential, believes in the preservation of the freedoms we enjoy as Americans and is a contributor to Republican politics; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced two children, each of whom has excelled in his or her particular field of endeavor; the McCall's children are Menda, an Advertising Agent married to Howard Holmes, owner of an energy consulting business, and Albert, Jr., a partner at D.T. McCall & Sons, married to Beth, a school nurse; and

WHEREAS, the McCalls are also the proud grandparents of Monica and Derek and Alex and Katie; and

WHEREAS, for 50 years, this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the McCall's are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Albert and Virginia McCall on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.